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IRS AWARDS \$7 MILLION TO TAX CLINICS AIDING LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS

WASHINGTON- As part of the effort to provide top-quality service to America's taxpayers, the IRS has awarded more than \$7 million for legal assistance this year to low-income taxpayer clinics.

The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) grant program, now in its fourth year, is designed to help organizations provide low-cost legal assistance to taxpayers to resolve tax disputes. Organizations operating independent taxpayer clinics can qualify to receive up to \$100,000 in matching funds through the program.

This year, 127 organizations will receive funding under the program, which reflects a 25 percent increase in the number of organizations funded last year.

This year's LITC recipients represent non-profit organizations and accredited academic institutions from 43 states and the District of Columbia.

In its inaugural year, the LITC program awarded nearly \$1.5 million in grants for fiscal year (FY) 1999, provided \$5 million for FY 2000, \$6 million for FY 2001 and over \$7 million for the current year.

For the FY 2002 program, 149 organizations, representing 43 states and the District of Columbia, submitted applications for LITC grants totaling over \$10.6 million. Last year, 141 grant applications requesting funds were submitted.

The growth of interest in the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic program moves us one step closer to getting tax help to people at all income levels.

The groups selected by the IRS for this year's grants are:

ALASKA

Alaska Business Development Center	Anchorage	\$ 78,000.00
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ALABAMA

Lawson State Community College	Birmingham	\$ 40,000.00
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ARKANSAS

University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law	Little Rock	\$ 80,000.00
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ARIZONA

Community Legal Services, Inc.	Phoenix	\$100,000.00
DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc.	Window Rock	\$ 81,287.00

CALIFORNIA

Central California Legal Services	Fresno	\$ 80,000.00
Community Based Education & Development	Los Angeles	\$100,000.00
Korean Resource Center, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$100,000.00
AIDS Project Los Angeles, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 30,000.00
Filipino-American Service Group, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 35,000.00
The University Corporation California State University Northridge	Northridge	\$ 27,888.00
Chapman University School of Law	Orange	\$ 75,000.00
Assn. of Cultural Social Advancement For Vietnamese, Inc.	Redwood City	\$ 63,315.00
University of San Diego School of Law	San Diego	\$ 80,000.00
Nihonmachi Legal Outreach	San Francisco	\$ 23,164.00
San Francisco Bar Assn. Volunteer Legal Services Prog.	San Francisco	\$ 70,000.00
Tax Aid	San Francisco	\$ 75,000.00
Legal Aid Society of Orange County	Santa Ana	\$100,000.00

COLORADO

University of Denver College of Law	Denver	\$ 75,565.00
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CONNECTICUT

Quinnipiac College, School of Law	Hamden	\$ 80,000.00
University of Connecticut - School of Law	Hartford	\$ 75,000.00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

American University Washington College of Law	Washington	\$ 70,000.00
Central American Resource Center	Washington	\$ 25,700.00
Community Tax Aid, Inc.	Washington	\$ 70,000.00

FLORIDA

Central Florida Legal Services, Inc.	Daytona Beach	\$ 70,000.00
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Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organization, Inc.	Homestead	\$ 20,000.00
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.	Jacksonville	\$ 20,000.00
Legal Services of Greater Miami	Miami	\$ 70,000.00
Northwest Florida Legal Services	Pensacola	\$ 25,000.00
Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.	Tallahassee	\$ 50,000.00
Bay Area Legal Services, Inc.	Tampa	\$ 25,000.00
GEORGIA		
Georgia State University, College of Law	Atlanta	\$ 75,000.00
JC Vision and Associates Corporation	Hinesville	\$ 10,000.00
Morehouse College	Atlanta	\$100,000.00
HAWAII		
Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	Honolulu	\$ 55,420.00
Hawaii Pro Bono Lawyer Referral Project Volunteer Legal Services	Honolulu	\$ 50,000.00
IDAHO		
University of Idaho College of Law	Moscow	\$ 50,000.00
ILLINOIS		
Center for Law and Human Services	Chicago	\$ 50,000.00
Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law	Chicago	\$ 80,000.00
Julie Yen – Tax Assistance Program	Chicago	\$ 25,000.00
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center	Chicago	\$ 50,000.00
Loyola University Chicago School of Law	Chicago	\$ 41,000.00
National Foundation for Abused and Neglected Children	Chicago	\$ 10,000.00
INDIANA		
Su Casa Columbus	Columbus	\$ 27,386.00
Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic	Indianapolis	\$ 50,000.00
The Lutheran University Association	Valparaiso	\$ 50,000.00
Combined Community Services, Inc.	Warsaw	\$ 25,000.00
IOWA		
Legal Services Corp. of Iowa	Des Moines	\$ 74,554.00

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KENTUCKY

Northern Kentucky University	Highland Hgts.	\$ 83,088.00
Legal Aid Society, Inc. (Volunteer Lawyer Program)	Louisville	\$ 28,700.00

LOUISIANA

New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation	New Orleans	\$ 17,343.00
Southern University Law Center	Baton Rouge	\$ 50,000.00

MASSACHUSETTS

Merrimack Valley Legal Services	Lowell	\$ 5,000.00
Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.	Lynn	\$ 28,654.00
Southeastern Mass. Legal Assistance Corp.	New Bedford	\$ 16,800.00
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc	Somerville	\$ 20,000.00
Bentley College	Waltham	\$ 75,000.00

MAINE

Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc.	Portland	\$ 70,000.00
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MARYLAND

Community Ministry of Montgomery County, Inc.	Rockville	\$ 16,471.00
Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, Inc.	Baltimore	\$ 98,215.00

MICHIGAN

Accounting Aid Society	Detroit	\$ 27,000.00
Educational Social Foundation	Southfield	\$ 40,000.00
Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law	East Lansing	\$ 80,000.00
Legal Services of Eastern Michigan	Flint	\$ 55,712.00

MINNESOTA

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance	Minneapolis	\$ 40,000.00
University of Minnesota Law School	Minneapolis	\$100,000.00

MISSOURI

Budget and Financial Management Assistance	Kansas City	\$ 93,000.00
University of Missouri Kansas City/ KC Tax Clinic	Kansas City	\$100,000.00
Southwest Missouri State University	Springfield	\$ 68,594.00

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MISSISSIPPI

Southeast Mississippi Legal Services Corp.	Hattiesburg	\$ 40,000.00
North Mississippi Rural Legal Services	Oxford	\$ 25,000.00

NEVADA

Nevada Legal Services	Las Vegas	\$ 75,000.00
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NEW JERSEY

Cape-Atlantic Legal Services	Atlantic City	\$ 35,000.00
Camden Regional Legal Services, Inc.	Camden	\$ 65,000.00
Accountants for the Public Interest-NJ	Hightstown	\$ 15,160.00
Passaic County Legal Aid Society, Inc.	Paterson	\$ 50,000.00
Rutgers University Law School	Piscataway	\$ 70,000.00

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Advocates for Children & Families	Albuquerque	\$ 75,000.00
New Mexico Business Resources Center	Albuquerque	\$ 35,000.00

NEW YORK

Albany Law School	Albany	\$ 50,000.00
The Research Foundation of State University of NY at Bing.	Binghamton	\$ 10,000.00
Bronx Legal Services	Bronx	\$100,000.00
Brooklyn Legal Services Corp B	Brooklyn	\$100,000.00
Bedford Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corp.	Brooklyn	\$ 69,751.00
Westchester Community Opportunity Program Inc.	Elmsford	\$ 80,000.00
Young Korean American Service and Education Center	Flushing	\$ 52,500.00
Ithaca College	Ithaca	\$ 26,483.00
Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc.	Long Beach	\$ 90,000.00
Project Challenge of Long Island, Inc.	Long Beach	\$ 30,000.00
Fordham University School of Law	New York	\$ 50,000.00
The Legal Aid Society	New York	\$ 70,000.00
Rural Opportunities, Inc.	Rochester	\$ 70,000.00
Volunteer Legal Services of Monroe County	Rochester	\$ 9,929.00
Syracuse University	Syracuse	\$ 50,000.00

NORTH CAROLINA

Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, Inc.	Charlotte	\$ 40,000.00
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Greensboro	\$ 70,000.00

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NORTH DAKOTA		
North Dakota Legal Services	New Town	\$ 33,400.00
OHIO		
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc	Akron	\$ 54,100.00
Friendship Foundation of American-Vietnamese, Inc.	Cleveland	\$ 46,970.00
Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	Cleveland	\$ 50,025.00
Lake Erie College	Painesville	\$ 14,463.00
OKLAHOMA		
Community Action Project of Tulsa County	Tulsa	\$100,000.00
Northeastern State University	Tahlequah	\$ 10,000.00
OREGON		
Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO)	Hillsboro	\$ 32,000.00
Lewis and Clark Legal Clinic	Portland	\$ 56,970.00
Northwestern College of Law		
PENNSYLVANIA		
Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center	Philadelphia	\$ 39,598.00
The University of Pittsburgh – School of Law	Pittsburgh	\$ 70,000.00
Duquesne University School of Law	Pittsburgh	\$ 67,410.00
Villanova University School of Law	Villanova	\$ 70,000.00
RHODE ISLAND		
Rhode Island Tax Clinic, Inc.	Providence	\$ 25,000.00
SOUTH CAROLINA		
Legal Services Agency of Western Carolina, Inc.	Greenville	\$ 50,000.00
TENNESSEE		
Rural Legal Services of Tennessee and the Cumberlands	Oak Ridge	\$ 50,000.00
TEXAS		
Central Dallas Food Pantry Inc.	Dallas	\$ 27,582.14
Legal Service of North Texas	Dallas	\$ 30,000.00
Texas Tech University	Lubbock	\$100,000.00
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Inc.	Houston	\$100,000.00
Centro Familiar Cristiano, Inc.	Sugar Land	\$100,000.00

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VERMONT

Champlain Valley O.E.O., Inc.	Burlington	\$ 25,000.00
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VIRGINIA

Urban Alternatives Foundation	Arlington	\$ 48,336.00
Boat People S.O.S. Inc.	Fairfax	\$100,000.00
The Community Tax Law Project	Richmond	\$100,000.00

WASHINGTON

University of Washington School of Law	Seattle	\$ 98,935.00
Gonzaga University School of Law	Spokane	\$ 38,500.00

WISCONSIN

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee	Milwaukee	\$ 68,772.00
University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee	Milwaukee	\$ 70,000.00

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia University College of Law	Morgantown	\$ 16,207.76
Wheeling Jesuit University	Wheeling	\$ 80,000.00

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